

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
Serial No. 10/626,675
Attorney Docket No. 030901

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Submission, claims 1, 3-7, and 10-12 will be pending in the above-identified application. To expedite prosecution, Applicant hereby cancel claims 8 and 9. Claim 1 is herein amended. New claims 10-12 are herein added. Applicants respectfully submit that this Submission is fully responsive to the Advisory Action dated September 1, 2006.

Claim 1 was previously rejected under as being separately anticipated by *Patten Jr. et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,099,652) and *Goodman et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,454,865). However, to expedite prosecution and clarify the subject matter of the present invention, Applicant hereby amends claim 1. Support for this amendment is found, for example, in Figs. 1-4 and the related description in the Specification. In view of this amendment and Applicant's previously filed remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the anticipation rejections and allow claims 1, 3-7, and 10-12.

Applicant submits that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date. However, if the Examiner believes that this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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